

I wish to express my support for Petition RM-10811. This petition most closely expresses the needs and advantages for retaining a morse code testing requirement for amateur radio licenses.

Morse code is a vital skill useful in both normal and emergency communications. It can be conducted with simple, low-cost, low-power equipment. The continued development of compact cw equipment is spurring a swell of home and portable morse operating.

Requiring a morse test for most licensees using the HF bands will help maintain a reservoir of code operators. Many hams who learned the code to get their licenses discovered only afterwards how versatile it is.

It is also important to retain the existing cw (narrow-mode) band segments, and not allow voice or image transmissions there. There is already considerable interference on the cw bands during peak operating times.

Thank you for your consideration to retain morse testing requirements and cw-exclusive frequency allocations.